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SUBJ: 29TH GA--THIRD COMMITTEE, US RESOLUTION ON ASSISTANCE
IN ACCOUNTING FOR PERSONS MISSING IN ACTION (MIAS)

REF: STATE 207657

1. DRAFT RES INITIATED BY US AND ENTITLED ASSISTANCE AND
COOPERATION IN ACCOUNTING FOR PERSONS WHO ARE MISSING
IN ACTION (A/C.3/L.2110) WAS INTRODUCED TODAY INTO THIRD
COMITE BY SENATOR PERCY IN EFFECTIVELY DELIVERED SPEECH
(COPIES POUCHED D/FRANK SIEVERTS). RES IS COSPONSORED
BY COSTA RICA, FRG, PAKISTAN, AND PHILIPPINES AND WILL
BE CONSIDERED UNDER REPORT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION,
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A SUB-ITEM UNDER ITEM 12, REPORT OF ECOSOC.

2. THERE WAS NO DEBATE ON THIS RES TODAY BUT WE EXPECT TO DEBATE AND PROBABLY VOTE ON IT TOMORROW AFTERNOON, TUESDAY, OCT. 22. TWO ISSUES THAT WE EXPECT OPPONENTS TO BRING UP ARE:

A. SINCE THIS RES RELATES TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN ARMED CONFLICTS, IT SHOULD BE REFERRED TO SIXTH COMITE (LEGAL). A SOVIET-INSPIRED AND HIGHLY POLITOCAL RES ENTITLED HUMAN RIGHTS IN ARMED CONFLICT; PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN EMERGENCY AND ARMED CONFLICT WAS REFERRED FROM THIRD COMITE TO SIXTH COMITE AND SOVIET REP SMIRNOV HAS REPEATEDLY INFORMED US THAT OUR ITEM OUGHT SIMILARLY BE REFERRED TO THAT COMITE.

B. THE EAST GERMAN REP (GRAEFURTH) HAS QUESTIONED THE PHRASW CONCLUDING PREAMBULAR PARA SIX ". . . DESERVES A HIGH PRIORITY AND SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED PENDING RESOLUTION OF OTHER ISSUES." HE ARGUES THAT THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS SET NO PRIORITIES AS AMONG ISSUES WITH WHICH THEY DEAL.

3. DESPITE INTENSIVE EFFORTS ON PART OF US DEL TO FIND CO-SPONSORS WHICH INCLUDED PASSING OUT COPIES IN DRAFT OVER PAST TWO WEEKS AND EXPLAINING ORIGIN AND PURPOSE OF RES TO SOME FORTH INDIVIDUAL DELS, WE HAVE HAD SOME DIFFICULTY IN FINDING COSPONSORS. WE EXPECT COSPONSORS TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT AND TO ASK FOR CONSENSUS BUT, GIVEN SOV BLOC OPPOSITION, DOUBT THAT CONSENSUS CAN BE ACHIEVED AT LEAST WITHOUT AMENDMENTS FROM FLOOR.

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COSTA RICA, GERMANY (FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF), PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: DRAFT RESOLUTION

ASSISTANCE AND CO-OPERATION IN ACCOUNTING FOR PERSONS WHO ARE MISSING IN ACTION

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

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RECALLING THAT ONE OF THE BASIC PURPOSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS IS THE PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION TO RESOLVE HUMAINTARIAN PROBLEMS,

REGRETTING THAT ARMED CONFLICTS HAVE CONTINUED TO CAUSE WIDESPREAD HUMAN SUFFERING,

RECOGNIZING THAT ONE OF THE TRAGIC RESULTS OF ARMED CONFLICTS

IS THE LACK OF INFORMATION ON PERSONS, CIVILIANS AS WELL AS COMBATANTS, WHO ARE MISSING IN ACTION OR WHO DIED IN CONNEXION WITH THE CONFLICT,

NOTING WITH APPROVAL THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE RED CROSS AT TEHERAN, IRAN, ON 14 NOVEMBER 1973, CALLING ON PARTIES TO ARMED CONFLICTS TO ACCOMPLISH THE HUMANITARIAN TASK OF ACCOUNTING FOR THE MISSING AND DEAD IN ARMED CONFLICTS,

REAFFIRMING THE URGENT NEED TO ENSURE FULL AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 1949 ON THE PROTECTION OF WAR VICTIMS,

CONSIDERING THAT THE DESIRE TO KNOW THE FATE OF LOVED ONES LOST IN ARMED CONFLICTS IS A BASIC HUMAN NEED WHICH SHOULD BE SATISFIED TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, AND THAT PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON THOSE WHO ARE MISSING OR WHO HAVE DIED IN ARMED CONFLICTS DESERVES A HIGH PRIORITY AND SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED PENDING RESOLUTION OF OTHER ISSUES,

1. CALLS ON PARTIES TO ARMED CONFLICTS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR CHARACTER OR LOCATION, DURING HOSTILITIES AND AFTER THE END OF HOSTILITIES, TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS MAY BE WITHIN THEIR POWER TO HELP LOCATE AND MARK THE GRAVES OF THE DEAD, TO FACILITATE THE DISINTERMENT AND THE RETURN OF REMAINS IF THIS IS REQUESTED BY THEIR FAMILIES, AND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE MISSING IN ACTION;

2. ENDORSES THE CONTINUING EFFORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) TO ASSIST IN THE TASK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF ACCOUNTING FOR THE MISSING AND DEAD IN ARMED CONFLICTS;

3. CALLS ON ALL PARTIES TO ARMED CONFLICTS TO CO-OPERATE WITH PROTECTING POWERS, WITH THE ICRC AND WITH SUCH OTHER AGENCIES AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR THIS PURPOSE IN PROVIDING INFORMATION ON THE MISSING AND DEAD IN ARMED CONFLICTS, INCLUDING PERSONS BELONGING TO OTHER COUNTRIES NOT PARTIES TO THE ARMED CONFLICT;

4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO BRING THIS RESOLUTION TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON THE REAFFIRMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW APPLICABLE IN ARMED CONFLICTS.
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